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legislative branch as determined by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council." That is the sum and substance of Senator Chambers' bill, which is supported by the Executive Council, as I mentioned. And the purpose of that is to be sure that this branch of government is...has the prerogative of being sure that the space that we need for all of us senators, space so that freshman senators don't have to double up necessarily, just being sure generally that there's adequate space for our hearing rooms, for meeting rooms, for senators' rooms is available, and that we're not subject to the oversight of some other branch of government for acquiring and obtaining our own basic needs. So that, in conjunction with the increased level of participation in the Nebraska Capitol Commission by the Speaker, are the two ways in which we enhance the legislative presence in terms of what goes on with the Capitol building. And finally, we...with this amendment, we're absolutely sure that we maintained Senator Hudkins' concept of having the security for the building past the State Patrol, as was the original intent of her bill. And so that particular direction is maintained in the commitment. There's a lot of detail in the bill...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...with respect to the job of administrator. We'd be sure, in identifying that position, that it's a person of some considerable background and training and education, because the dimensions of that job are quite broad, as most of us would view it. And then there's a lot of detail on exactly what the primary functions and responsibilities of the office are. But I think all of that you would expect to be the functions of the office. And so there's no point, I believe, to me going through that, unless you're interested in such a recitation. So with that, Senator Cudaback, I think I'll stop. I think this bill is a very important bill, and that much good can come from it. And I'm hopeful you'll be supportive. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening...Madam Clerk, item on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hudkins would move to